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REPLY TO

ATTN OF: Derek Schroeder, Acting Weatherization Assistance Program Manager and Program Manager for Training and Technical Assistance

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Release Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) WAP Enhancement & Innovation Funding Opportunity Announcement

TO: Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Grantees, Subgrantees and Training Centers

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) intends to issue a \$25 million Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) entitled "BIL WAP Enhancement & Innovation," with a maximum award amount of \$2 million, in support of section 40551 of the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(IIJA\) of 2021](#), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). A Notice of Intent (NOI) is available on the [Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity Exchange](#).

Title IV, Energy Conservation and Production Act, as amended, authorizes DOE to administer WAP (42 U.S.C. § 6861, et. seq.). The Enhancement & Innovation (E&I) Program is governed by [42 U.S.C. 6861d](#) and is funded on an annual basis by Congress through WAP appropriation.

Congress, through section 1011(e) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, (Pub. L. 116-260), directed DOE to establish a competitive program for WAP Enhancement & Innovation (E&I), with five (5) purposes:

1. Expand the number of dwelling units that are occupied by low-income persons that receive weatherization assistance by making such dwelling units weatherization-ready;
2. Promote the deployment of renewable energy in dwelling units that are occupied by low-income persons;
3. Ensure healthy indoor environments by enhancing or expanding health and safety measures and resources available to dwellings that are occupied by low-income persons;
4. Disseminate new methods and best practices among entities providing weatherization assistance; and
5. Encourage entities providing weatherization assistance to hire and retain employees who are individuals:
 - a. From the community in which the assistance is provided; and/or,
 - b. From communities or groups that are underrepresented in the home energy performance workforce, including religious and ethnic minorities, women, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and individuals who are socioeconomically disadvantaged.

WAP anticipates that the FOA may include the following three (3) Topic Areas:

1. Multifamily Housing
2. Single Family & Manufactured Housing
3. Workforce Development

Eligible entities include existing WAP Grantees, WAP Subgrantees, and other nonprofit entities. The period of performance for each award is three (3) years.

WAP intends to issue the BIL WAP Enhancement & Innovation FOA approximately 30 days from the publication of the NOI. Eligible entities interested in receiving official notifications and information regarding this FOA should register in the [Clean Energy Infrastructure Exchange](#). Applications will only be accepted through Clean Energy Infrastructure Exchange.

Questions regarding WAP E&I should be directed to Weatherization.Innovation@hq.doe.gov.

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